

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~for completing fragments of text~~, comprising:
obtaining a text fragment;
performing a search, based, at least in part, on the text fragment, to identify one or more documents;
identifying sentences within the one or more documents that ~~are associated with~~ include the text fragment;
determining sentence endings as text that is located ~~associated with~~ within the identified sentences between the text fragment and an end of the identified sentences;
assigning scores to the sentence endings based, at least in part, on a location within the identified sentences at which the text fragment occurs; and
presenting the sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment based, at least in part, on the scores.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the text fragment is ~~one of a partial sentence and a partial paragraph~~ includes a phrase.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the obtaining a text fragment includes receiving [[a]] the text fragment from a user.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the obtaining a text fragment includes automatically detecting ~~[[a]]~~ the text fragment.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the performing a search includes searching for documents that include the text fragment as a phrase.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the performing a search includes searching for documents that include the text fragment and synonyms of one or more words within the text fragment.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether a number of the one or more documents ~~provide sufficient results is~~
less than a threshold;

shortening the text fragment when the number of the one or more documents ~~do not~~
~~provide sufficient results~~ is less than the threshold; and

performing a search, based, at least in part, on the shortened text fragment, to identify a set of documents.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, ~~wherein~~ where the shortening the text fragment includes dropping one or more words from a beginning or end of the text fragment.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, ~~wherein~~ where the shortening the text fragment includes:

identifying one or more symbols within the text fragment, and
dropping one or more words from the text fragment based, at least in part, on the one or more identified symbols.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, ~~wherein~~ where the shortening the text fragment includes:

analyzing a structure of the text fragment, and
dropping one or more words from the text fragment based, at least in part, on the analysis of the structure of the text fragment.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the identifying sentences within the one or more documents includes determining boundaries of the identified sentences based, at least in part, on punctuation near the identified sentences in the one or more documents.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

trimming at least one of the sentence endings by dropping one or more words from the at least one sentence ending.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, ~~wherein~~ where the one or more words are dropped from the at least one sentence ending based, at least in part, on at least one of text ~~[[and]]~~ or one or more symbols included in the at least one sentence ending.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
generating an inverse document frequency table that includes words common to sentence endings; and

~~wherein~~ where the trimming at least one of the sentence endings includes:
comparing the text of the at least one sentence ending to words in the inverse document frequency table, and

dropping one or more words from the at least one sentence ending based, at least in part, on a result of the comparison.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, ~~wherein~~ where the trimming at least one of the sentence endings includes:

identifying the one or more symbols included in the at least one sentence ending, and
dropping one or more words from the at least one sentence ending based, at least in part, on the one or more identified symbols.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
merging two or more of the sentence endings into a merged sentence ending.
18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, ~~wherein~~ where the merging two or more of the sentence endings includes:
identifying two or more of the sentence endings that have text in common, and
merging the identified sentence endings.
19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining quality ones of the sentence endings based, at least in part, on at least one of a table of common beginnings of sentences ~~[[and]]~~ or a table of common endings of sentences.
20. (canceled)
21. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[20]]~~ 1, ~~wherein~~ where assigning the scores to the sentence endings is further based, at least in part, the sentence endings are scored based on a measure of popularity associated with each of the sentence endings.
22. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ where the measure of popularity ~~[[of]]~~ associated with the sentence endings is based, at least in part, on a number of times that the sentence endings occur within the one or more documents.

23. (canceled)
24. (currently amended) The method of claim [[20]] 1, further comprising:
adjusting the scores of the sentence endings based, at least in part, on lengths of the sentence endings.
25. (currently amended) The method of claim [[20]] 1, further comprising:
adjusting the scores of the sentence endings based, at least in part, on whether at least a portion of the sentence endings are included in a list of bad endings.
26. (currently amended) The method of claim [[20]] 1, further comprising:
discarding one or more of the sentence endings when at least a portion of the one or more sentence endings is included in a list of bad endings.
27. (currently amended) The method of claim [[20]] 1, ~~wherein~~ where the presenting the sentence endings includes:
ordering the sentence endings based, at least in part, on the scores, and
presenting the ordered sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment.
28. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the presenting the sentence endings includes:
providing the sentence endings via a pop-up window.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ where the presenting the sentence endings includes:

inserting one of the sentence endings near a location of the text fragment, and
replacing the one of the sentence endings with a subsequent one or more of the sentence endings.

30. (currently amended) A system ~~for automatically completing fragments of text~~, comprising:

means for receiving a text fragment;
means for identifying documents that include the text fragment;
means for locating sentences within the documents that include at least some of the text fragment;
means for identifying sentence endings associated with the located sentences;
means for assigning scores to the sentence endings based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the sentence endings; and
means for presenting the sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment based, at least in part, on the scores.

31. (currently amended) A system ~~for completing fragments of text~~, comprising:

one or more servers configured to:
receive a text fragment,

identify documents that include at least a portion of the text fragment,
locate sentences within the documents that are associated with the text fragment,
[[and]]
determine sentence completions associated with the located sentences,
trim one of the sentence completions by dropping one or more words from the one
of the sentence completions, and
provide a plurality of the sentence completions including the trimmed sentence
completion as potential completions for the text fragment.

32. (currently amended) The system of claim 31, ~~wherein~~ where the one or more servers include a plurality of servers.

33-40. (canceled)

41. (currently amended) A computer device, comprising:
a memory configured to store instructions; and
a processor configured to execute the instructions in the memory to:
obtain a fragment of text,
search for ~~local~~ documents that include at least a portion of the fragment of text,
identify sentences within the ~~local~~ documents that ~~are associated with~~ include the
at least the portion of the fragment of text,

determine sentence completions ~~associated with~~ as text located within the located identified sentences between the at least the portion of the fragment of text and an end of the identified sentences,

merge at least two of the sentence completions to form a single merged sentence completion, and

provide a plurality of the sentence completions, including the merged sentence completion, as potential completions for the fragment of text.

42. (canceled)

43. (new) The system of claim 31, where the one or more servers are further configured to assign scores to the plurality of the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the plurality of the sentence completions or a location within the located sentences at which the text fragment occurs.

44. (new) The device of claim 41, where the processor is further configured to assign scores to the plurality of the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the plurality of the sentence completions or a location within the identified sentences at which the fragment of text occurs.